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Prices of milk produced for fluid consumption have fallen less so far this year than in early 1947 because of smaller production, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

The number of grain-consuming livestock has declined steadily since January 1, 1944, when a record high of 172.6 million units was reached, the AAA reports.

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Hog support prices for the period beginning April 1, 1948 and running through September 1948 range from a low of \$16.50 per hundredweight to a high of \$18.50 per hundredweight, Chicago basis, the AAA advises.

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North Dakota farmers are reminded that the closing date for signing up or enrolling in the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program is May 1, 1948.

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Nearly one-third of all government purchased potatoes have been shipped abroad during the last year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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A much lighter chick hatch is indicated for this year according to a special mid-March hatchery survey, the AAA reports.

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The 1948 corn crop in Argentina is expected to permit the export of around 175 to 200 million bushels compared with only about 115 million bushels from last year's crop, the AAA states.

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This year's prospective corn acreage is the smallest in more than 50 years, and adds up to more than $5\frac{1}{2}$ million acres less than was planted in the previous 10 years on the average, the AAA advises.

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Thrifty homemakers know used fat is the only form of kitchen "garbage" that has a cash value, the AAA emphasizes.

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There were more hired workers employed on farms in all regions on April 1 than a year ago, except in the North Central States, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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U. S. meat consumption for 1948 is expected to average 143 to 146 pounds per person compared with 154 pounds in 1947 and 134 pounds in 1937-41, the AAA advises.

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Appointment of Ralph S. Trigg as Administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration and President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, succeeding Jesse B. Gilmer, who resigned to engage in business activities outside of the Government, has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson.

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Strong legume crops like alfalfa and sweet clover will supply the organic matter and nitrogen for two or three years of depleting crops, the AAA announces.

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"Live as if you were going to die tomorrow, farm as if you were going to live forever." — Old English Proverb.

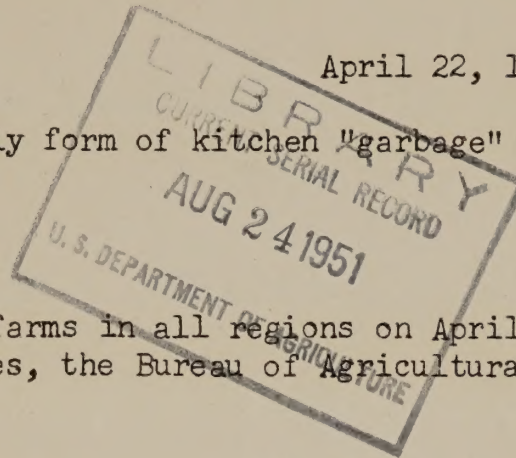
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About 31 percent of total consumer expenditures during 1947 went for food compared with about 25 percent before the war, the AAA states.

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Grain conservation through more efficient feeding is vital to the Nation and to the individual dairy farmer, the AAA advises.

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April 29, 1948

New type storage bins for potatoes which reduce shrinkage and preserve the quality of potatoes for better table use have been tested by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Nearly 478 million bushels of wheat remained in all storage positions on April 1, 1948, despite near-record disappearance since last harvest, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Milk production on U. S. farms in 1947 totaled 119.4 billion pounds, a little below 1946 production, the AAA announces.

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Loans and contracts with processors will be used in supporting farm prices for the 1948 crop of flaxseed in North Dakota, the AAA announces.

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Farm real estate values for the country as a whole rose 7 percent during the year ended March 1, 1948, the AAA reports.

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At the present time, there are about 175,000,000 acres of land in the United States east of the Great Plains that should be planted to trees, the AAA advises.

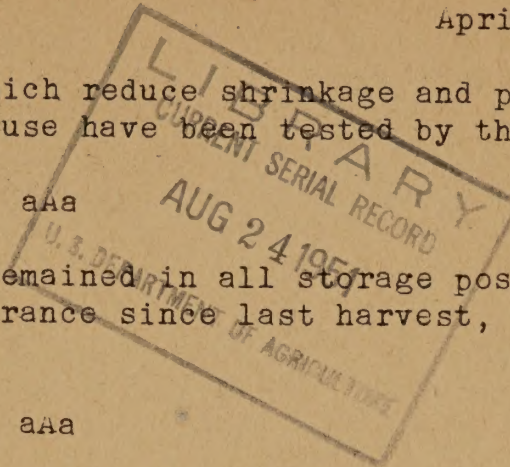
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United States farmers bought more farm machinery in 1947 than in any previous year, according to a recent U. S. Department of Agriculture report.

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Conservation farming is proving increasingly effective as a means of controlling floods, the AAA advises.

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May 6, 1948

To receive payment for practices performed under the provisions of the 1947 Agricultural Conservation Program, a producer must file an application on the prescribed form with the County Agricultural Conservation Office on or before June 30, 1948, according to J. E. Kasper, Chairman of the State PMA Committee.

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Norris E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture, has been elected Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the AAA reports.

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Grain exports this marketing year will probably total around 577 million bushels, the President's Food Committee has announced.

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Domestic production of shorn wool this year is expected to be about 240 million pounds, 13 million less than in 1947 and the smallest since 1924, the AAA states.

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More than 6 million children and 44 thousand schools are participating in the National School Lunch Program, according to a report of the Production and Marketing Administration which supervises the program.

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Most farm prices are well above the 90 percent of parity level at which support prices become effective for many commodities, the AAA emphasizes.

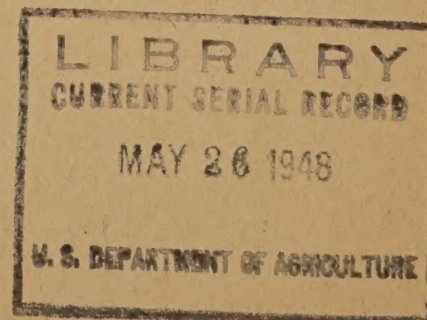
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Nearly 308 million acres, or over 66 percent of the total cropland in the United States and Island Possessions, was on farms participating in the 1946 Agricultural Conservation Program.

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Now, when prices are high and consumer goods are still scarce, is the right time to save. Buy bonds during the Security Loan Drive, April 15 - June 30.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has urged the nation's hog producers to increase pig production this fall by at least 10 percent to provide a minimum of 34,400,000 pigs.

In a recent speech, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, stressed the fact that the present and prospective high demand for food is closely related to the problem of maintaining the soil.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program, working with individual farmers, is helping to overcome some of the soil deficiencies which have resulted from heavy cropping and erosion.

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Total world production of potatoes for 1947-48 is estimated at 7,280 million bushels, only slightly less than was produced in 1946-47, but about 14 percent less than the 5-year average, the AAA reports.

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Total civilian disappearance of fats and oils in 1947 was about 69 pounds per person compared with 64 pounds in 1946 and an average of 70 pounds in 1937-41, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Getting the range to produce all the grass it will with the soil and moisture available is a major objective of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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1947 cotton production in the U. S. totaled 11,851,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, an increase of 3,200,000 bales over the small 1946 crop, the AAA advises.

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Experience has shown that \$1 spent in grasshopper control is worth an average of \$25 in crops saved, the AAA emphasizes.

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More and more farmers have become land owners in recent years, and fewer have stayed on the land as tenant operators, the AAA reports.

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"Some day, some how, conservation must become second nature in us -- in all those who use the natural resources, and in all those who buy the products of those resources...." Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

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The number of persons at work on farms increased 12 percent from April 1 to May 1, about the usual amount for the season, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture advises farmers, home gardeners, and other prospective users of insecticides to purchase or place orders now for the materials they will need to combat crop destroying insects.

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A teaspoonful of used kitchen grease saved every day is a sure way to ease the world-wide shortage of fats and oils, the AAA advises.

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For the first 5 months of 1948, cash receipts to farmers from the sale of farm products are likely to total slightly more than for the same period last year, the AAA advises.

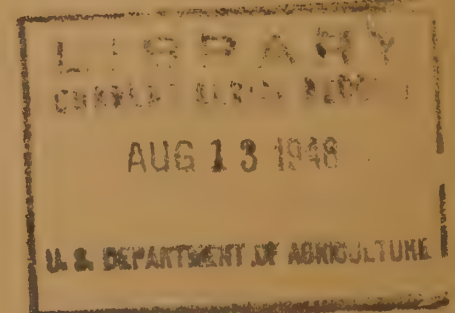
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Domestic use of corn this season for livestock feed and commercial purposes is smaller than in any of the past 5 years, but is a little larger than the pre-war average, the AAA reports.

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Consumer demand continues to maintain farm product prices at high levels and is likely to continue strong through the year, the AAA states.

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The National Garden Program is asking for 20 million Freedom Gardens this year, the AAA announces.

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Total output of fats and oils in the U. S. this year may be 300 to 400 million pounds smaller than last year, with most of the reduction occurring in animal fats, the AAA reports.

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A one-point rise in the index of prices paid by farmers, including interest and taxes, brought parity prices in mid-May to a level only slightly below the record high of January 15, 1948, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Of the farm labor camps which the Government offered for sale last December, 109 out of 162 have been sold, the Department of Agriculture has announced.

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Fine paper from wheat straw, up to now usually wasted or burned on U. S. farms, is the promise of a new process developed by the Department of Agriculture's laboratory at Peoria, Illinois.

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Complete removal of vegetation, which can result from severe grasshopper infestation, permits the soil to wash and blow and may leave it depleted for years, the AAA advises.

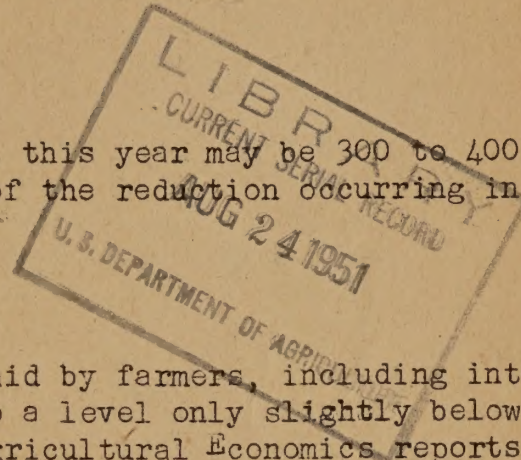
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The Forest Service announces that tree planting on farms and on State and national and other public and private forest land, will attain a new record this year.

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More than 2 million of the Nation's farms are still to be electrified, the Rural Electrification Administration reports.

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June 10, 1948

Meat production in 1948 probably will be around 10 percent less than the 23.4 billion pounds produced in 1947, the AAA announces.

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Although growing conditions could change greatly before harvest, expectations now are that supplies of feed grains for 1948-49 will be larger than in 1947-48, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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China's first official estimate is for a record wheat crop this year amounting to 965 million bushels, the AAA reports.

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"The major job of American agriculture, as I see it, is to help build world peace and prosperity. This calls for maintaining a strong, productive agriculture....." Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture.

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Damage from the European corn borer has increased 20 times since 1941 and last year cost farmers an estimated 97 million dollars in damage to their crops, the AAA advises.

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Tenants operated a little more than a fourth of the Nation's farms in 1947, according to a Bureau of Agricultural Economics survey.

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Even with tremendous shipments of foods to overseas countries, U. S. per capita food consumption in 1947 was 16 percent more than before the war, the AAA points out.

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Flaxseed acreage in Canada may amount to 1.7 million acres in 1947, about 8 percent above last year, the AAA reports.

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